

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Minor changes are made to this specification. Claims 1-26 and 34-35 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 28 is amended. Claims 27-33 and 36-37 are pending in the application. Figure 1 in the drawings has been changed according to the Notice of Allowability issued in parent application 09/810,011.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

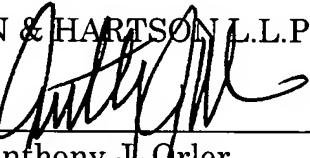
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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